

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF *absent*

ROKOSCH *JRM*

THOMPSON *absent*

CHILCOTT *cp*

DRISCOLL *rd*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present..... Commissioner James Rokosch,
Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Date.....March 5, 2008

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► Commissioner Thompson attended the Legislative Conference (Forest Counties) in Washington DC.

► The Board met for an Extension Office update. Present were Extension Agents Rob Johnson and Katelyn Anderson. Commissioner Rokosch requested an update from Katelyn.

Katelyn stated there have been quite a few applicants for Rob's position. She discussed upcoming educational opportunities such as Credit Savvy classes for credit card use. She has been conducting classes for Teen Leadership with youth who want to create workshops and plan events. She stated there has been biweekly newspaper articles published in the Ravalli Republic of the Extension Offices activities. Katelyn briefly discussed the different Community Committee Memberships she is involved in and currently attending meetings. She gave a handout to the Board of the various programs and where they are at currently. (See Attached)

Rob stated he received recognition from the Montana Weed Control Association and was awarded their Barbra Mullin Award for lifetime achievement in weed management education, board leadership and action programs.

► The Board met for a discussion on Safe Kids Safe Communities grant and payroll expenditures. Present were Administrative Director Skip Rosenthal, Ivy Stirling and Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles.

Glenda gave an overview and stated she wanted to meet with the Board and Ivy prior to Skip's resignation. She stated the Commissioners Office has taken over the administrating of the grant for Safe Kids Safe Communities and designated Glenda as the Project Director. Glenda presented the updated spreadsheet for grant tracking which is at 41.67% during month 5. She stated her concern is the amount of sick time and vacation that is accrued by Ivy and any payout if the grant should not be renewed.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if the grant considered any of the time accrued for payout. Skip replied no. It would have to be drawn from another source. The only way to budget for that payout is to reduce the weekly hours. The County can't change its policies for a grant funded position.

Ivy stated if she did leave, it takes awhile to advertise the position. Glenda expressed her concern with funding the sick leave and vacation time if the grant did not get funded for 08-09 year. Commissioner Chilcott stated with the current accrued time, he is not worried about the amount of payout. It was the Board's consensus to not worry about it with the current amount accrued.

Commissioner Report: Katelyn Andersen
Program Impacts and Future Focus
March 5, 2008

Educational Opportunities

- **Credit Savvy:** One and half hour class on the benefits of not using a credit card. Teaches the dangers of interest on credit cards; they learn that steady, even payments can add up to reduce credit and to build their savings account; and given tools to track their money. Taught at five of the six high schools to Life Skills students. Extension Agent will continue to offer this class to Junior and Senior students.
 - **Impact:** 85% of students learn that steady, even payments will reduce debt and increase, an increase of 42% according to the pre-post test.
 - **Impact:** 77% of students learned how compound interest affects both savings and credit, an increase of 50% according to the pre-post test.
 - **Impact:** 83% of students learned the time value of money and understand the benefits of starting early with savings, an increase of 43% according to the pre-post test.
 - **Impact:** 57% of plan to use the credit card calculator in future decisions.
- **Teen Leadership:** This past year 12 teen leaders joined the Teen Council, created this past fall to include more youth in planning county-wide member activities. Teen work in a partnership with adult leaders and Extension Agent to create workshops, plan events and attend leadership training events. For 2008 4-H Camp, 22 youth are planning camp and will complete the leadership program, "Camp Survival Guide for 4-H Leader."
 - **Impact:** Youth learn how to lead groups, work effectively with others, work effectively with diverse groups, develop public speaking skills, and learn how to plan events.
 - **Impact:** Recruit and retain teen 4-H members.
- **Adult Leadership:** Adult leaders, youth professionals, and school teachers have the opportunity to participate in Fundamentals of Youth Development to increase working knowledge of youth. Some topics include: Positive Youth Development, Experiential Learning Model, Basic Youth Needs, 4-H Program Critical Elements, Stages of Development, and Youth/Adult Partnerships.
 - **Impact:** Adults learn the basics of positive youth development and learn effective leadership. Of the leader's completed, 50% stepped into new leadership roles – some in 4-H and some in Ravalli County community. Opportunity for leaders to receive two credits from Montana State University.
- **Recent classes offered in Ravalli County:** Your child's self esteem, Family mealtime, Stress relief, Bullying, Filing your important papers, Think your drink!, Living will: the basics, Interior Design, Basic Estate Planning, Crockpot Cooking, Cooking with Fresh Herbs, Cooking for 1 or 2, Pressure Cooking, 4-H Leadership, 4-H Leader Training, Afterschool Programming, Easy Facilitation.
- **Biweekly Newspaper Articles:** Indirect contact to 12,000 Ravalli Republic readers on Wednesday circulation. Articles focus on youth and Family and Consumer Sciences.
- **Ravalli County 4-H Program:** Extension Agent provides leadership to 130 adult volunteers to provide educational opportunities to 425 youth members.

Community Committee Membership:

- Caregiver's Conference Planning Team
- Capitol Christmas Tree Planning Team
- Community Food Project
- Kid's First Community Coalition
- Healthy Families

Professional Development:

- Consumer Fraud, Missoula, MT
- Bullying Conference, Hamilton, MT
- Annual Extension Agent Update, Miles City, MT
- Instructor for Facilitator Excellence, Gold Creek, MT
- Lincoln County Extension Review Member, Eureka, MT
- 4-H Extension Agent Update, Lewistown, MT
- Western Regional Leader's Forum, Boise, Idaho

Future Planning:

- Quarterly Ag and FCS newsletter
- Poster Presenter at Shaping a Healthy Future IV, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
- Administrative Assistant
- New Ag Extension Agent

